



The
THE FAMILY LAW SECTION
respectfully submits the following position on:

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SB 170

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The position expressed is that of the Family Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan. To date, the State Bar of Michigan does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Family Law Section is 2,675.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Family Law Section's Council. The number of members in the decision-making body is 21. The number who voted in favor to this position was 17. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.



Report on Public Policy Position

Name of Section:

Family Law Section

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Bill Number:

SB 170 (Clark-Coleman) Children; guardians; relative guardianship assistance act; establish. Creates new act.

Date position was adopted:

March 10, 2007

Process used to take the ideological position:

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting

Number of members in the decision-making body:

21

Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:

17 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote

Position:

Support

Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:

SB 170 is a reintroduction of SB 1324, which we supported last session:

“SB 1324 would create a new Relative Guardian Assistance program. When children are placed with relatives who do not have the licenses required of foster care providers, this bill would provide payments to those Guardians at 66% of licensed foster care rates. The Council supports this bill.”

The text (may be provided by hyperlink) of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report:

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2007-SB-0170>